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SUBJ: KARDELJ DUE TO SPEAK

1. MAJOR POLITICAL EVENT IN JUNE WILL BE JUNE 13 SPEECH TO THE
PRESIDIUM OF THE LEAGUE OF COMMUNISTS (LC) BY EDVARD KARDELJ,
YUGOSLAVIA'S LEADING THEORETICIAN. KARDELJ'S ADDRESS WILL SET
THE FRAMEWORK FOR THE 11TH PARTY CONGRESS NEXT YEAR ACCORDING TO
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LC EXECUTIVE SECRETARY STANE DOLANC.

2. A FOREIGN SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL SAYS THAT SPEECH IS OVER
200 PAGES LONG AND WILL BE PUBLISHED AS A BOOK. AS A RESULT,
FULL TEXT MAY NOT BE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE.

3. COMMENT: FSFA OFFICIAL DESCRIBES SPEECH AS THE

OPENING OF A NEW CYCLE HSF LIBERALIZATION. WE BELIEVE IT WILL CALL FOR GREATER ROLE FOR THE MASS FRONT
SOCIALISTSPLIANCE OF WORKING PEOPLE, AN ESSENTIALLY VNIRIBUND ORGANIZATION UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE LC. TWO DAYS BEFORE THE START OF THE CSCE PREPARATORY CONFERENCE IS OPPORTUNE MOMENT FOR YUGOSLAVIA TO GIVE IMPRESSION OF LIBERALIZATION, BUT IMPLEMENTATION RATHER THAN RHETORIC WILL BE HWE REAL TEST OF DEMOCRATIC CHANGE. EXPERIENCED POLISH DIPLOMAT OMINOUSLY TOLD POLCOUNS THIS WEEK THAT HE SEES INCREASING CENTRALIZATION IN YUGOSLAVIA: "THEY ARE GETTING MORE LIKE US". KARDELJ COULD CONCEIVABLY ANNOUNCE THE LONG-RUMORED FORMATION OF A POLITICAL BUREAU FOR THE SUMMIT OF THE LC, BUT WE WOULD BE VERY SURPRISED AT SUCH A MAJOR INSTITUTIONAL REFORM BEFORE THE PARTY CONGRESS NEXT YEAR.

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